Listing of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Original) A system comprising:

a processor; and

a memory comprising firmware executable by the processor to cause the processor to:

operate a print mechanism in accordance with a first state associated with a capability of the print mechanism;

change the first state associated with the capability to a second state in response to receiving first information from an external interface; and

operate the print mechanism in accordance with the second state associated with the capability.

2.   (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the first state comprises a disabled state, and wherein the second state comprises an enabled state.

3.   (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the first state comprises a first level of performance, and wherein the second state comprises a second level of performance.

4.   (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the first information comprises an encryption key.

5.   (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the firmware is executable by the processor to cause the processor to:

receive the first information associated with the capability of the print mechanism from a server coupled to the external interface.

6.   (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the firmware is executable by the processor to cause the processor to:

receive the first information associated with the capability of the print mechanism from a computer system coupled to the external interface.

7.   (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the firmware is executable by the processor to cause the processor to:

    detect a user input associated with the capability;

    provide second information associated with the user input to a server using the external interface; and

    receive the first information associated with the capability of the print mechanism in response to providing the second information to the server.

8.   (Original) The system of claim 7 wherein the firmware is executable by the processor to cause the processor to:

    provide the second information associated with the user input to the server by providing the second information to a computer system coupled to the external interface.

9.   (Original) A system comprising:

    a print mechanism;

    a print engine configured to operate the print mechanism;

    means for receiving a first selection of a first capability associated with the print mechanism;

    means for receiving first information associated with the first selection from a server; and

    means for changing a first indicator associated with the first capability from a first state to a second state in response to receiving the first information.

10.   (Original) The system of claim 9 further comprising:

    a functional unit operable by the print engine;

    means for receiving a second selection of a second capability associated with the functional unit;

    means for receiving second information associated with the second selection from the server; and

means for changing a second indicator associated with the second capability from a third state to a fourth state in response to receiving the second information.

11.   (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the functional unit is configured to perform a facsimile function.

12.   (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the functional unit is configured to perform a scanner function.

13.   (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the first capability comprises a performance capability.

14.   (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the first capability comprises an upgrade capability.

15.   (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the first capability comprises a functional capability.

16.   (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the first capability comprises a renewal capability.

17.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
       receiving a selection of a capability associated with a print engine from a user;
       ~~receiving payment information associated with the selection from the user;~~ and
       enabling the capability in response to receiving information associated with the capability from a server.

18.   (Original) The method of claim 17 further comprising:
       receiving a list of selectable capabilities from the server, the list including the capability.

19.   (Original) The method of claim 17 further comprising:

providing an interface for the user to select the capability from the list.

20.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~17~~23 further comprising:
       providing an interface for the user to enter the payment information.

21.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~17~~23 further comprising:
       providing the selection and the payment information to the server.

22.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~17~~23 further comprising:
       receiving information associated with the capability from the server in response to
providing the selection and the payment information to the server.

23.   (New) The method of claim 17, further comprising receiving payment information
associated with the selection from the user.

24.   (New) The method of claim 17, wherein enabling the capability in response to receiving
information associated with the capability from a server comprises changing a print speed of the
print engine.

25.   (New) The method of claim 17, wherein enabling the capability in response to receiving
information associated with the capability from a server comprises changing a print resolution of
the print engine.

26.   (New) The method of claim 17, wherein enabling the capability in response to receiving
information associated with the capability from a server comprises upgrading software or
hardware.

27.   (New) The method of claim 17, further comprising:
       receiving a selection of a capability associated with a functional unit from a user;
       receiving from a server, information associated with the capability associated with the
functional unit; and

enabling the capability associated with the functional unit, in response to receiving from a server, information associated with the capability associated with the functional unit.

28.   (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the capability associated with the functional unit comprises a facsimile capability.

29.   (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the capability associated with the functional unit comprises a scanner capability.

30.   (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the firmware is further executable by the processor to cause the processor to:

operate a functional unit in accordance with a third state associated with a capability of the functional unit;

change the third state associated with the capability of the functional unit to a fourth state in response to receiving second information from the external interface; and

operate the functional unit in accordance with the fourth state associated with the capability of the functional unit.

31.   (New) The system of claim 30, wherein the functional unit is configured to perform a facsimile function.

32.   (New) The system of claim 30, wherein the functional unit is configured to perform a scanner function.

33.   (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the capability of the print mechanism comprises a print speed.

34.   (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the capability of the print mechanism comprises a print resolution.

35.   (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the capability of the print mechanism comprises a software or hardware upgrade.